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Attention: Federal Resources Office, MS # 82
For Ross A. Chittenden, Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: AMBAG 2004/05 FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 14

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 14 to the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) portion of the 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated March 22, 2006. As detailed in the enclosure to your letter, this amendment adds two new project listings, removes one listing, and modifies 12 project listings in the MTIP/FSTIP for the metropolitan planning region encompassing the counties of Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz. The AMBAG Board of Directors endorsed this amendment to the FY 2004/05-2006/07 Monterey Bay Area Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) on March 8, 2006, by approving Resolution No. 2006-7.

We are approving this amendment to the 2004/05-2006/07 FSTIP for the AMBAG region pursuant to the Federal statewide and metropolitan transportation planning requirements, including the September 2, 2005, Interim Guidance for Implementing Key SAFETEA-LU Provisions on Planning, Environment, and Air Quality for Joint FHWA/FTA Authorities; and in accord with the *July 15, 2004, Memorandum of Understanding between the FHWA, California Division, and the FTA, Region IX*. We find that the AMBAG 2004/05-2006/07 MTIP, including the changes proposed in Amendment No. 14, was developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process in accord with the metropolitan transportation planning provisions of 23 U.S.C. §and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our approval of this amendment, please contact Wade Hobbs of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5027, or by email at wade.hobbs@fhwa.dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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